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Central Illinois Public Service Company and Union Electric Company request approval of revisions to delivery services tariffs, and for approval of Delivery

tariffs, and for approval of Delivery Services Implementation Plan for Residential Customers. Docket No. 00-0802

PETITION OF THE
ASSOCIATION OF ILLINOIS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES
FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE

Comes now the Intervenor, the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives (AIEC), by and through its General Counsel, Michael W. Hastings, and respectfully petitions pursuant to 83 Ill. Adm. Code Sec. 200.200 for leave to intervene in the above-captioned action. In support of its petition, the AIEC alleges and states as follows:

1. Communications and correspondence concerning this Petition should be directed to the following:

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2. The AIEC is a statewide service organization that was incorporated in Illinois in 1942 to foster, develop and encourage the program of rural electrification in the State of Illinois.

3. The corporate purposes of AIEC as stated in its Articles of Incorporation include "to

further the general welfare, generally promote the interest, and aid in solving the problems of

AIEC's member-electric cooperatives."

4. Electric cooperatives in Illinois may serve customers in Illinois as alternative retail

electric suppliers ("ARES"), pursuant to Sec. 17-300 of the Public Utilities act, and, as such, will

be directly involved in the competitive marketplace.

5. Electric cooperatives of Illinois may open their service areas to alternative retail

electric suppliers pursuant to Sec. 17-200 of the Public Utilities Act, 220 ILCS 5/17-200, and

must therefore develop residential delivery services rates.

6. The electric cooperatives of Illinois will be directly and specifically affected by the

outcome of this proceeding, and their collective interests in this proceeding cannot be adequately

represented or protected by any other party hereto. Under such circumstances, the AIEC states

that good cause exists to grant the AIEC leave to intervene in this proceeding.

WHEREFFORE, the AIEC requests that the Illinois Commerce Commission grant this

petition and AIEC be made a party in these proceedings for all purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

ASSOCIATION OF ILLINOIS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES

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Earl Struck, being first duly sworn, does depose and state:

- I am the President and Chief and Executive Officer of the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives ("AIEC").
- 2. I have reviewed the foregoing Petition of the AIEC for Leave to Intervene and am familiar with the facts set forth therein, and verify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, those facts are true and correct.

Earl Struck

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25⁴ day of May, 2001

Notary Public

"OFFICIAL SEAL"
LINDA L. COMSTOCK
Notary Public, State of Illinois
My Commission Expires 10/04/03

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Michael W. Hastings, hereby certify that a copy of the Petition to Intervene in the above-captioned docket was served upon the party or parties listed on the attached service list, by first-class mail, postage prepaid, in accordance with the Rules of Practice of the Illinois Commerce Commission.

Dated: May 25, 2001

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